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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Before The Honorable Edward J. Davila, Judge

IN RE: APPLE INC. APP STORE)
SIMULATED CASINO-STYLE GAMES) NO. C 21-md-02985 EJD
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THE COURT: Thank you. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for your patience.

Let's call 21-md-2985. This is In Re: Apple Inc. Apple Simulated Casino Games Litigation, and this is a remote CMC hearing.

Let me first capture appearances of the parties. And let's see who appears for plaintiff this morning, please.

MR. BALABANIAN: Good morning, Your Honor. I'm Rafey Balabanian of Edelson PC, appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs. I'm also joined by my partner Todd Logan, also of Edelson PC, and our co-counsel as well. Good morning.

THE COURT: Thank you. Good morning. Good morning, both of you.

And who appears for the defense in this case?

MR. GIBSON: Good morning, Your Honor. John Gibson of DLA Piper appearing for the defendant Apple Inc. With me are my colleagues Brooke Kim and also Eva Schueller.

THE COURT: Thank you. Good morning.

And who else do we have on the line?

MR. NORRIS: Your Honor, this is John E. Norris. I'm also with the plaintiffs, representing the individual plaintiffs in the individual original statewide class actions

1 that were transferred.

2 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you, sir. Good morning
3 to you.

4 **MS. GOLD:** And good morning, Your Honor. This is
5 Andrea Gold of Tycko & Zavareei, representing certain
6 plaintiffs in the Lowe, Hoose, and McDonald actions.

7 **THE COURT:** Thank you. Good morning to you.

8 This is the CMC we set after our previous hearing. I
9 think it was in May.

10 I have read and reviewed Document 28, which is your
11 statement. I understand something was filed as recently as a
12 few hours ago, yesterday.

13 And, Mr. Balabanian, maybe you can talk to us about that.

14 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Thank you, Your Honor. I'd be happy
15 to.

16 Yeah, I'm pleased to report, Your Honor, that we actually
17 made good progress from the last CMC. I had advised the Court
18 that I thought we would have an agreed motion for appointment
19 of interim lead to present to the Court. I'm very pleased to
20 say that we did come to an agreement amongst all the
21 plaintiffs' counsel on self-ordering; of course, subject to
22 the Court's approval.

23 And we did file that motion for consolidation and interim
24 lead counsel yesterday. And I'm sorry we didn't get it on file
25 a little sooner to give the Court a little more time with it,

1 but it is on file.

2 **THE COURT:** That's wonderful. Thank you.

3 And I think that's what we had talked about doing. I
4 think that there is a date set for that motion as of
5 August 12th, is it, Ms. Kratzmann?

6 **THE CLERK:** Yes, Your Honor, August 12 at 9:00 a.m.

7 **THE COURT:** All right. First of all, should we keep
8 that date, Counsel? Is there anyone who feels we need to
9 disrupt or disturb that date for any reason?

10 **MR. GIBSON:** Yes, Your Honor.

11 So I think we need -- we will need some more time to brief
12 this.

13 Just as background, Your Honor, we are -- I guess I would
14 say that Apple is incredulous of the consolidation aspect of
15 the motion for several reasons, the lead reason being that
16 counsel did not meet and confer with us about consolidation
17 and -- before filing this motion that was filed, I believe,
18 last night before midnight, shortly before midnight.

19 Second reason is it's an apparent end run around the joint
20 panel and multidistrict litigations order last month in the
21 Google cases and -- where the transfer order was very clear
22 that plaintiffs were attempting to consolidate the Google
23 actions with this Apple MDL, and the JPML denied that in
24 transferring the Google cases to Your Honor.

25 I can go into that a little bit, if Your Honor would like.

1 Third reason is this consolidation is just exactly,
2 Your Honor, what the plaintiffs stated they would not seek in
3 their filing about ten days ago and their motion to relate
4 cases. And so this was quite a surprise to us. I woke up to
5 this earlier this morning and had no idea it was coming.

6 And then I would say also that the complaints, the Apple
7 plaintiffs' complaints go into some detail in distinguishing
8 the platforms between Facebook and Google and Apple. And in
9 those distinctions -- which we can go into a little bit here if
10 you would like to, Your Honor, but certainly will address those
11 in our opposition to the motion -- really weigh heavily against
12 consolidation.

13 And so we were surprised. We didn't know it was coming.
14 We were not prepared for it. And for good reason, we thought
15 just the opposite was coming, an agreement to not consolidate
16 and to simply relate cases before Your Honor.

17 So we would like some more time. And given vacation
18 schedules that have already been set for July, we would
19 certainly like two more weeks than has been allotted to us by
20 the plaintiffs unilaterally here.

21 So I think the opposition date the plaintiffs set is --
22 I believe it was July 12. And so we would like two more weeks
23 on that, July 26th, which, of course, would move -- may move
24 the hearing date back to give Your Honor some time to,
25 obviously, review the opposition and reply. But, of course,

1 we're open. Whatever is suitable and convenient for the Court
2 would work for us.

3 **THE COURT:** All right. Well, thank you. I appreciate
4 that, Mr. Gibson.

5 I haven't pored through the filing, Mr. Balabanian, as you
6 noted, thoroughly. But I do note that the cases are
7 interesting in that there are cases -- and I'm trying to use
8 language carefully here -- that have related type of actions.

9 And it seems at a high level, there's some efficiencies
10 captured by keeping cases at least related somehow together so
11 the Court and counsel can manage discovery issues, depositions, and
12 those types of things. That's always something that benefits
13 all of us.

14 And then, of course, the term "relation" also has some
15 context with consolidation. And what does that mean when we
16 consolidate cases? And does that change, and how does that
17 change, the nature, character, and quality of how the
18 litigation transpires? That's a whole separate matter.

19 I think when the cases were sent to me, my recollection is
20 that the panel left it to the Court's discretion as to how to
21 handle those other cases and how best -- and I appreciate their
22 confidence in counsel and the Court -- to fashion some type of
23 method that we can handle both all of the cases in an efficient
24 manner in keeping with the spirit of the MDL and even those
25 case that aren't under, specifically, the MDL umbrella.

1 So I understand the spirit of why the motion was filed and
2 titled the way it was. I think, Mr. Gibson, to give your
3 colleague opposite the benefit of the doubt, perhaps their
4 feeling was that's the best way to capture that.

5 But I understand also your feeling that "Wait a minute. I
6 think the cart is well in front of the horse now and down the
7 hill. So we need to slow things down and regroup here." And I
8 certainly understand that.

9 Mr. Balabanian, what are your thoughts about Mr. Gibson's
10 request for a couple of weeks and then adjustment in the
11 hearing?

12 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Thank you, Your Honor.

13 I have no -- we have no problem with that, Your Honor.

14 If I could just add one minor point in response to what
15 Mr. Gibson said, because I do appreciate his concern. I think
16 the Court is right that the MDL panel did leave it to
17 Your Honor and the parties to sort of craft the right approach
18 here.

19 But one thing that I think I might be able to clarify or
20 allay some of the concerns is, we're not seeking to consolidate
21 all of the cases into one giant, you know, mishmash of all the
22 cases pending against the platform providers.

23 What we are seeking in terms of consolidation, Your Honor,
24 is to consolidate the cases relative to each platform. So the
25 MDL panel did send the Apple cases and the Google cases to

1 Your Honor.

2 There are several cases pending against Apple and Google
3 that have been filed by the various plaintiffs' counsel. And
4 on that point, I do think there is probably little question
5 that there are serious efficiencies to be gained by at least
6 consolidating the cases that are pending against Apple itself
7 and Google, and so on and so forth.

8 They have all been sent to Your Honor. We do have pending
9 a motion to relate the two Facebook cases that are out there,
10 and that's kind of a separate issue. But the cases are pending
11 in front of Your Honor. So I do think that on the
12 consolidation point, there might be a little bit of confusion
13 here as to what we were hoping to accomplish.

14 And I'm disappointed to hear that counsel feels as though
15 we didn't meet and confer sufficiently. And I would just
16 represent to the Court that we will do our very, very best
17 going forward to make sure that that's not a recurring feeling
18 on the part of anybody.

19 **THE COURT:** Thank you. I appreciate that, as does
20 Mr. Gibson, I'm sure.

21 And when I read Document 28, I think I could understand
22 Mr. Gibson's expression when his second point was he
23 references, I think, plaintiffs using the plural in talking
24 about pleadings, and his curiosity was piqued as to: Are there
25 going to be multiple pleadings or a master? Are there going to

1 be several master pleadings, or are we going to have one
2 pleading that rules all, the ring of rings of pleadings here,
3 as opposed to several rings throughout?

4 Sorry for the Tolkien reference.

5 I think that's what Mr. Gibson was trying to capture here.
6 And I'd appreciate that as well, knowing what the landscape of
7 that is going to be. And I don't know if you can comment on
8 that now, but perhaps that's something that the pleadings would
9 bear out.

10 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Well, I do think that that is going
11 to be an issue that we have to tackle, Your Honor. This -- the
12 cases -- there are plaintiffs who are alleging nationwide class
13 based on California law. There are also many plaintiffs who
14 have alleged state action -- claims under the various state
15 laws. I think we've got about 20-plus or 25-plus state law
16 claims.

17 So I think we're going to have to do some hard work with
18 respect to how best to frame the pleadings, whether there is a
19 master complaint that covers a nationwide class on behalf of
20 certain plaintiffs but then also covers the various statewide
21 classes that the other plaintiffs are asserting, or whether
22 kind of those two categories of classes should proceed in
23 separate complaints.

24 We haven't come to a complete determination on our side as
25 to what the appropriate approach is, Your Honor. But as

1 the Court might imagine, there is a lot to unpack here in terms
2 of all the claims and the various state laws that are at play
3 and then how that intersects with the nationwide aspect of this
4 case.

5 So I certainly understand that hearing "pleadings" is a
6 bit unnerving, I suppose, but it is a function of all the
7 various claims and plaintiffs that are part of this -- I
8 shouldn't say "consolidating" -- this MDL proceeding, Your
9 Honor.

10 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you very much.

11 Mr. Gibson, anything you want to add here? And next,
12 after that, I'll ask you what your thoughts are on next steps.
13 Mr. Gibson?

14 **MR. GIBSON:** Thank you, Your Honor.

15 So I think, first of all, before I throw it over to
16 Ms. Kim, who is ready to talk about some of these issues in
17 more depth, I think there is an issue about whether plaintiffs
18 are contemplating a single consolidated complaint against Apple
19 or multiple complaints against Apple, setting aside Google and
20 Facebook.

21 And so we'll have an opportunity, I know, to brief that;
22 and so I just wanted to call that to Your Honor's attention
23 because, again, we haven't thoroughly met and conferred on that
24 issue.

25 And I think I'll, if I may, pass the baton to Ms. Kim,

1 Your Honor.

2 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you.

3 **MR. GIBSON:** And she can speak to some of the other
4 issues.

5 **THE COURT:** All right. And, thank you.

6 Ms. Kim, good morning.

7 **MS. KIM:** Good morning, Your Honor, and thank you.

8 In terms of next steps, Apple thinks there are at least
9 two gating issues that we need to consider at the outset.

10 Apple is very concerned about the reference to multiple
11 pleadings. While we are familiar with cases where you might
12 have two kinds of plaintiffs with a separate complaint, such as
13 in an antitrust action you might have direct purchasers and
14 indirect purchasers, what we have not seen is a complaint that
15 purports to have, you know, two separate complaints
16 representing the same plaintiffs. And that's what we're afraid
17 is happening here.

18 I also note that, you know, looking, however briefly, at
19 the leadership structure and the fact that that came in late
20 last night, that there may be some, you know, reading some tea
21 leaves here. Looking at how different these complaints are,
22 there may be some issues intertwined with the leadership motion
23 that we need to deal with on the complaints, because those two
24 things do appear to -- there's some negotiations that appears
25 to be going on behind the scenes that, you know, could impact

1 both the leadership structure and the complaints. So I think,
2 you know, finding out what this complaint will look like is
3 going to be critical to setting any future dates.

4 I note Mr. Balabanian noted, you know, that there is a
5 choice of law issue that he might have to divide into two
6 complaints. That's going to impact what kind of briefing we
7 have to do. We know that some of these plaintiffs are seeking
8 a nationwide class, while some have state law classes. Who are
9 going to be the class reps? That will depend on whether there
10 is an issue with standing. What developers and apps will be at
11 issue?

12 These two complaints -- there are two different sets of
13 tacts the plaintiffs have taken, one involving a complaint as
14 to all app developers, and one involving complaints as to very
15 narrowly defined app developers. That issue could determine
16 whether, you know, there is a -- a motion to compel arbitration
17 that lies.

18 So the complaint is -- it's an absolute necessity that we
19 get that settled, and I think that's the first issue we need to
20 focus on.

21 There is a second gating issue before setting up a
22 schedule relating to discovery. As we mentioned on our last
23 CMC, Your Honor has previously held that discovery should be
24 stayed in cases where defendant is asserting immunity or the
25 plaintiff is advancing a RICO claim. That's the *Onuoha* case

1 and the *Malley* case we talked about last time.

2 This, to Apple, is a very simple issue to tee up. We
3 think it should be teed up before our next CMC, and it will
4 give the parties some sense of what the next steps will be and
5 what they should be focused on.

6 We're prepared to present Your Honor with a motion on that
7 in the next week or two and would happily have that briefed
8 before the next CMC.

9 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you. Thank you very
10 much, Ms. Kim. I appreciate that.

11 Mr. Norris, Ms. Gold, anything you want to add here?

12 **MR. NORRIS:** Not at this time, Your Honor.

13 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you.

14 Ms. Gold?

15 **MS. GOLD:** No, Your Honor, not now. Thank you.

16 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

17 Well, first of all, what I would like to do, just in a --
18 and I hope you'll pardon me for being so basic and elementary
19 here, but I think it is critical for a case of this size. It's
20 a fascinating case. The issues are intriguing, and we're all
21 curious about them and what the law says about these issues.

22 I think it would be best for the Court to craft as solid a
23 foundation as we can and then allow you to build on it, build a
24 litigation on that foundation so we don't have to go back and
25 try to repair things.

1 And it seems to me that the first step in that would be
2 to -- first of all, I appreciate, Mr. Balabanian, your
3 consideration in allowing additional time for Mr. Gibson's team
4 to file responses to your pleadings.

5 And is two weeks sufficient, Ms. Kim, Mr. Gibson? Is
6 that -- I appreciate your looking at that. Is two enough? Is
7 three better? Can you get this done?

8 I'm asking that because I want to make sure. You said
9 vacation schedules and all that. You know, in firms,
10 "vacation" is a word that's seldom used. But I just want to
11 make sure you can get things on file appropriately.

12 **MR. GIBSON:** Thank you, Your Honor.

13 With respect to opposing -- responding to the motion to
14 consolidate and leadership?

15 **THE COURT:** Yes.

16 **MR. GIBSON:** So, Your Honor, we had in mind two extra
17 weeks, two weeks beyond the current July 12th date set by the
18 plaintiffs. So that would be July 26th.

19 **THE COURT:** Yes.

20 **MR. GIBSON:** I think that would be enough. I think we
21 have some critical members who are on vacation through, I
22 think -- who come back, I think it's July 19th. So it would
23 give us at least another week to do that.

24 **THE COURT:** Well, they will happily return.

25 Okay. What does that do, then, to our hearing date, then,

1 Ms. Kratzmann? It seems like we would need to move that down.

2 And, Mr. Balabanian, I don't know if you want to file
3 something in response, a reply of some sort.

4 **MR. BALABANIAN:** I think probably we will, Your Honor.

5 And maybe we could just have a week to do something, do a
6 reply brief. I think that should be sufficient --

7 **THE COURT:** Okay.

8 **MR. BALABANIAN:** -- if that works for the Court.

9 **THE COURT:** I think it will. Of course, I don't have
10 the calendar in front of me.

11 **THE CLERK:** If the opposition is due July 26, that's a
12 Monday, then a week would be August 2nd, Your Honor, for the
13 reply.

14 **THE COURT:** Okay. And then?

15 **THE CLERK:** The next available hearing date,
16 Your Honor, for these motions would be September 23rd at
17 9:00 a.m.

18 **THE COURT:** Oh, dear. That's it? Is there --
19 Ms. Kratzmann, I know we didn't look at this. Is there any way
20 to schedule this on the 9th or the 16th?

21 **THE CLERK:** Of September, Your Honor?

22 **THE COURT:** Yes.

23 **THE CLERK:** Possibly September 9th. Let me just check
24 one moment.

25 I believe September 9th at 9:00 a.m.

1 **THE COURT:** That may be a difficult week for us.
2 We'll hopefully be starting a criminal trial that week, but
3 Thursday we'll have reserved.

4 **THE CLERK:** The 16th -- I don't think you want to set
5 it on the 16th.

6 **THE COURT:** Okay. Oh, dear. The 23rd is -- what time
7 would that be, Ms. Kratzmann?

8 **THE CLERK:** At 9:00 a.m., Your Honor.

9 **THE COURT:** I'm hesitating as I'm looking at our
10 calendar, and I show that we have our court retreat that
11 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and I would sure like to be there
12 to support our new chief judge.

13 Is there any other way we could get this in,
14 Ms. Kratzmann? I'm sorry to have you do this on the fly, but I
15 would like to see if we can capture some kind of a --

16 **THE CLERK:** Your Honor, if you would like the 16th,
17 we'll make the 16th happen.

18 **THE COURT:** We'll have to move some things and --

19 **THE CLERK:** We can make adjustments, Your Honor, but
20 we'll make the 16th happen, yes. That could be set at
21 9:00 a.m., September 16th at 9:00 a.m.

22 **THE COURT:** Does that work for folks?

23 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Absolutely, Your Honor. We'll make
24 that work.

25 **THE COURT:** Let's make that -- we'll disappoint some

1 other folks and move their cases.

2 Thank you, folks. Let's use the 16th as a hearing date.

3 **MR. BALABANIAN:** We appreciate that, Your Honor.

4 **MR. GIBSON:** Thank you, Your Honor.

5 **THE COURT:** You're welcome.

6 Okay. So what should we do about the other issues? It
7 seems to me that perhaps the thing to do is to hear this
8 motion, see what the result of this motion is before I do any
9 scheduling. It seems to me that that makes sense.

10 And let me say, Mr. Balabanian, when I read the two --
11 your two proposals in Document 28, I think that Apple's
12 proposal is one that I'd probably like to lean on a little
13 more. That is, your proposal is to allow you to meet and
14 confer and get a schedule. I think it's -- I'm going to have
15 you do that, of course; but I think it's premature to do that
16 now. I'd like to have this motion heard, and then maybe see
17 what the landscape looks like then, and then see if I can allow
18 you to meet and confer about a schedule.

19 Ms. Kim's, you know, gating issues, I think, can be
20 discussed as well, I think, and I appreciate you raising those
21 for all of us to be thinking about.

22 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Understood, Your Honor. Thank you.

23 **THE COURT:** All right. What else do we need to do
24 this morning?

25 **MR. BALABANIAN:** One other, I would call it a

1 housekeeping matter, I think, Your Honor, but I'm not sure
2 the Court will view it that way.

3 We do have the motion to relate the Facebook cases out
4 there pending. I don't believe there was any substantive
5 objection to that motion. I think there might have been
6 objection to calling the cases related, but I'm not sure where
7 that line -- where that falls in terms of substantive versus
8 procedural. But that's the one thing that's pending out there
9 that might just get the cases all on the same track.

10 **THE COURT:** Sure.

11 Does anybody on this call wish to speak to that? Anyone
12 have an opinion on that?

13 **MR. GIBSON:** Your Honor, John Gibson.

14 I would just say, for Apple, we filed a position paper,
15 and that is our position. We certainly do not object to having
16 the Facebook cases reassigned to Your Honor. Of course we
17 would welcome that. And -- however, we are not -- we do not
18 express a position on whether or not the cases are related.

19 But what we did express a strong position on is that there
20 should not be substantive consolidation of the Facebook cases
21 with the Apple MDL.

22 And for that reason, Your Honor, I'm wondering if we
23 shouldn't discuss, at the September hearing, the consolidation
24 motion first and then figure out what is what, and what are all
25 the cases that Your Honor will have in front of you, and how we

1 should administer those.

2 **THE COURT:** Mr. Balabanian?

3 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.

4 I guess my only point would be that consolidation is a
5 separate issue. And so I think reassignment to Your Honor
6 makes sense completely because the cases are all alleging the
7 same types of legal theories, of course, against the various
8 platform providers. Whether or not it's consolidated I think
9 is a completely separate issue from whether or not it should be
10 reassigned to this Court.

11 **THE COURT:** Right. And I look at those cases, and it
12 seems to me that -- I'm not making a ruling here. Just
13 expressing a high-level opinion. It seems like those --
14 relation would not be inappropriate to have those cases in
15 front of me, and -- for whatever reason. And that's not to say
16 that that is a stepping-stone to consolidation. Those are two
17 separate things, as you suggest.

18 But relation allows the cases to be here because they are
19 similar, again, to capture efficiencies; and that's really what
20 that's an expression of; and I can certainly see the value in
21 that.

22 But that's not just for your friends on the defense.
23 That's not a stepping-stone to consolidation. It's just a
24 recognition that, candidly, that's how things are done and
25 that's how the rules allow us to capture efficiencies in the

1 litigation. And I would like to do that in this case.

2 So I'm not adverse to having them related. I understand
3 the defense expression of "Well, that's not a finding of
4 consolidation." And it isn't. It isn't.

5 So that's what I'll say on that, if that's helpful.

6 **MR. GIBSON:** Yes. Thank you, Your Honor. We
7 appreciate that.

8 **THE COURT:** And if that's not opaque enough for you, I
9 can certainly blur it more.

10 **MR. GIBSON:** That's perfectly clear. Thank you.

11 **THE COURT:** What else should we do, then,
12 Mr. Balabanian?

13 **MR. BALABANIAN:** I don't think I have anything else,
14 except I just wanted to be clear on -- in my head.

15 Should we expect a motion for a protective order to stay
16 discovery within the next week? That's the only thing I think
17 was mentioned that I'm not quite certain about or clear on.

18 **THE COURT:** I don't know if your colleague opposites
19 were going to engage in that now or whether they wish to speak
20 to that. I know in Document 28, they did talk about some of
21 those issues; not necessarily a protective order, but the stay
22 issue on discovery.

23 But maybe that's something I'll let you meet and confer
24 about. I don't think that's going to be a controversial issue.
25 If you feel there is some protective order that needs to be put

1 in place for whatever happens with discovery, maybe it's good
2 to do that in advance prophylactically.

3 And then, as to whether or not there is going to be a stay
4 on discovery, that's a whole separate issue as well, and how do
5 we do that.

6 **MR. BALABANIAN:** That works for me, Your Honor. I'm
7 happy to meet and confer about it further.

8 **MS. KIM:** As are we, Your Honor. Thank you.

9 **THE COURT:** Terrific.

10 We have our date and time, then, set for the motions and
11 the replies.

12 And did we give a date a week after for the reply? That's
13 right.

14 And, gosh, I didn't even look at the calendar,
15 Ms. Kratzmann. How much time does that give us?

16 **THE CLERK:** Well, Your Honor, if it's set for
17 September 16th, that gives you --

18 **THE COURT:** That gives us some time, good, because I
19 have the best law clerks in the building. It's common
20 knowledge. So we're in good shape. All right.

21 Anything further then, Mr. Gibson?

22 Ms. Kim?

23 **MR. GIBSON:** No. Thank you, Your Honor.

24 **MS. KIM:** No, Your Honor. Thank you.

25 **THE COURT:** Mr. Balabanian, anything further from your

1 team?

2 Mr. Logan?

3 Ms. Schueller?

4 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Nothing from me, Your Honor.

5 **MR. NORRIS:** Nothing here, Your Honor. Thank you.

6 **MS. SCHUELLER:** No. Thank you, Your Honor.

7 **THE COURT:** All right. Well, enjoy the summer. Have
8 a celebratory Fourth. And I know none of you take vacations,
9 but enjoy your weekends, nonetheless, and we'll see you soon.
10 Thank you.

11 **MR. BALABANIAN:** Thank you, Your Honor.

12 **MS. KIM:** Thank you.

13 **THE CLERK:** Court is adjourned. This webinar shall
14 terminate.

15 (Proceedings adjourned at 10:38 a.m.)

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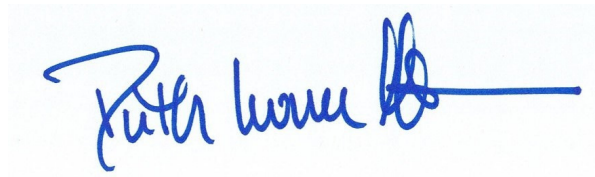
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DATE: Sunday, August 8, 2021

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Ruth Levine Ekhaus, RMR, RDR, FCRR, CSR No. 12219
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